Mismanagement in handloom industry

784. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the handloom industry is severely hit due to bureaucratic mismanagement in Handloom Export Promotion Council as per analysis in the Economic Times of 22nd October, 1988; and

(b) if so, what corrective steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b) In view of adverse reports on the functioning of Handloom Export Promotion Council, it was decided to transfer work relating to registration of handloom goods to the Office of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms), which has the necessary infrastructure to undertake this work.

Fire in the customs collectorate in Bombay

785. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 50 per cent of the paper-work of the intelligence wing of the Customs Collectorate in Bommay were destroyed in the fire on 5th October, 1988 at Westview building, Colaba, Bombay;

(b) if so, what are the details of the papers destroyed;

(c) whether some papers pertaining to the affairs of the Reliance Industries Limited were also destroyed in the fire;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) what steps are being taken to complete the records;

(f) whether any investigation has been made regarding the cause of the fire; and

(g) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (d) Some records of West Regional unit of the Directorate General of Inspection (Customs & Central Excise) have been destroyed in the fire. The Intelligence Wing of Customs Collectorate of Bombay is not located in the Westview building, Colaba, Bombay. Therefore, the question of destruction of records in the fire, belonging to them does not arise. No papers pertaining to the affairs of Reliance Industries were destroyed in the fire. Details of papres destroyed in the fire are given below:—

Department	No. of closed files destroyed (Approximately)	No. of ccrrent files destroyed (Approximately
Customs	35	10
Central Excise	104	24

(e) Immediate steps have been taken for reconstructing the current files destroyed in the fire, on the basis of records available with the field formations.

(f) and (g) Both the Police and the Fire Brigade Authorities are presently investigating the cause of the fire and their report is still awaited.

Arrests made in connection with murder of a labourer and a contractor in Delhi

786. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently one police driver of Inderpuri police

station and a Delhi police constable of police station Krishna Nagar, Delhi were arrested in connection with death of a labourer and a contractor;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that some others named in these murders have not been arrested and no steps are being taken to arrest them; and

(d) if so, the action being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Some persons were beaten by the personnel of Police Station Inderpuri in which one person died. A case FIR No. 138 dated 20-9-88 was registered at Police Station, Inderpuri. Five persons including one driver of Police Station, Inderpuri, have been arrested. Two Constables have not been arrested as they are absconding.

Case FIR No. 300/88 dated 21-9-88 u/s 365/364/120-B/302/201 IPC was registered at P.S. Hari Nagar and six persons including one Constable of P.S. Krishna Nagar were arrested.

Suggestions from voluntary social service societies for Taxation Relief

787. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of voluntary Social Service Societies/Organisations have represented to Government against the heavy taxation imposed under the Direct Tax Law (Amendment) Act, 1988 and asked for relief in the taxation imposed therein;

(b) if so, what are the names of these Voluntary Organisations; and

(c) what are their suggestions/demands and on what grounds they have sought relief from the tax levied in the said Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (c) The Government has received a number of representations from charitable and religious trusts and institutions including some from the voluntary social service societies/organisations in connection with the various provisions relating to taxation of charitable trusts and institutions as contained in the Direct Tax Laws (Amendment) Act, 1987. The issues raised in the various representations have been examined by the Central Board of Direct Taxes and the decisions thereon will be reflected in the proposed Direct Tax Laws (Amendment) Bill, 1989, to be introduced in the current session of the Parliament.

Foreign voluntary agencies receiving foreign contributions

788. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

8 (a) the names and particulars of the various foreign voluntary agencies which are receiving foreign contributions for their welfare activities in India and the amount received by each during the last three years annually under the Foreign Contributions Regulation Act; and

(b) what check is exercised by Government to ensure that foreign contributions received by the foreign voluntary agencies are spent for the bonafide purposes and whether any violations have been made by any foreign agencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF